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COAL MINE FIRE UPDATE

The Coalmine Fire was started by lightning on June 12, 2006. The fire is located on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, on the Mountain View Ranger District, approximately one and a quarter miles north of the west side of Hoop Lake on the North Slope of the Uintas. The fire is approximately 50 acres and is burning in thick heavy timber and woody debris. There are currently 2 Forest Service Engines; 3 volunteer engines, 1 from Mt. View, 1 from Lyman and 1 from Ft. Bridger; one Initial Attack squad (6 firefighters) and 1 Type III helicopter. Two 20 person hand crews and 6 engines have been ordered to assist with suppression efforts. Crews will begin constructing fire line today on the southwest side of the fire and natural barriers will be used to contain the fire on the other sides.

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